

COMD5002: Development, Human Rights and Global Health (6 UOC)

This short course intensive will analyse the interface of three important global topics: Development, Human Rights and Global health. It will tackle a range of international human rights issues as they apply to development and global health practice, with an emphasis on low and middle income countries. These are very topical issues – think of Ebola and its control, health workers in conflict-affected countries, and the role of humanitarian agencies and organisation. The course will engage students, scholars, human rights and development practitioners, health professionals, advocates, and members of civil society in a dialogue about the reciprocal interaction between development, human rights, and global health. It will offer tools that stakeholders can use to incorporate a human rights framework into their development and global health practice. It will tackle a range of topical issues through invited lectures, case studies and scenarios. The course requires attendance for all four days and will be supported by online resources.

Course convenors:

Professor Anthony Zwi

Professor Zwi co-convenes the Master of Development Studies at UNSW. He is a medical doctor with extensive experience in public health, health systems strengthening, global development and human rights. He leads the Health, Rights and Development group at UNSW (HEARD@UNSW) and is particularly interested in global health and development – policy and politics. He has more than 20 years experience of research in low and middle income countries, with an emphasis on conflict-affected and ‘post’-conflict settings.

Professor Daniel Tarantola

Prof. Daniel Tarantola was instrumental in the foundation of the world-renowned Medecins Sans Frontieres, and he was the first doctor to be employed in the field for this organisation. He was involved in the eradication of smallpox, and as a senior policy advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO), played an important role in the Global Program on AIDS to ensure that human rights were front and centre of the global response. He has played a major role in elucidating and advocating the relationship between human rights and health – both at the Francois-Zavier Bagnoud Centre for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University and subsequently as Chair of the Initiative for Health and Human Rights, a unique cross-disciplinary collaboration at UNSW. In 2010, Prof. Tarantola returned to France and since then has conducted a range of consultancies for international organizations, in particular in policy, strategy and impact evaluation related to HIV and to immunization. Among other activities, he led national programme evaluations in Cambodia (National Health Sector Response to HIV, 2013) and Sub-Saharan Africa (Review of the WHO Regional Immunization Programme in Africa, 2013). He is a widely cited and influential writer on health, development and human rights and the Editor of the textbook which will form the basis for the course.

Dates: Wednesday 26 November – Saturday 29 November 2014

Time: 9am – 5pm daily

Location: Morven Brown Building, University of New South Wales, Kensington Australia

Course fee: AUD \$2,610 (for non-UNSW students)

To apply: Current UNSW Postgraduate students can enrol by finding the course in the Summer 2015 Semester and enrolling directly. The course is an elective (core in International Development Stream from 2015 on) within the Master of Development Studies and is suited to those studying policy, international relations, law, and public health. The number of places available is limited. The course is best suited to those with an health-related, development, or law background, but should be accessible to all at postgraduate level. Non-award students are welcome.

Textbook: Grodin MA, Tarantola D, Annas GJ, Gruskin S (Eds). Health and Human Rights in a Changing World. New York, Routledge, 2013.

For more information

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